

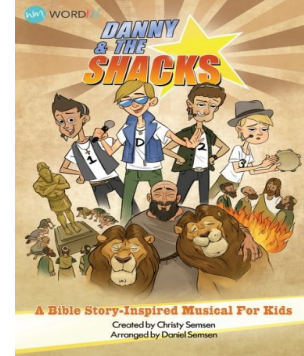


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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February 7, 2023

You are invited to the
performance of
Danny & The Shacks
Sunday, Feb. 12-- 5:00 p.m.
First Christian Church,
Villa Grove
Performed by area youth



February Fellowship & Fun
Sunday, February 26-- Noon
(Please note the change of date!!)

FCC Fellowship Hall

Please bring an ethnic food such as German potato salad, tacos, Dutch chocolate... if you don't have an ethnic dish to bring, bring your favorite dish!!
Table service & drinks are provided.

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Worship 95

Sunday School 66

Sunday Morning Celebration 9

King's Kids 3

Jr. High & High School 9

Blessed Believers 19

The Fellowship Class 28

Chosen Ones 6

TOTAL OFFERING: \$9,701.00

Spendable \$8,794.00

Memorial 895.00

Worship 12.00



Women's Christian Fellowship
Thursday, February 9

1:00 p.m.-- Ladies Craft Lesson,
led by Karen & Sara Williamson

2:00 p.m. WCF meeting

Hostess: PATTI GROVES

Missions: SARA WILLIAMSON

Devotions: LINDA STANFIELD

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Bill Akers- Carle Hospital

Tom Black- Transitions care

Family of Carolyn Eckarty

Della Mae Frahm- dental surgery rescheduled for February 9

Karen Felkner- health issues; recently fell and broke her ankle

Lora Gordon- see spine doctor on Tuesday

Family of Beverly Heflin- funeral will be February 18

Madeline (Sarah Hughes' 23-yr. old niece)- severe lung issues

George Moran (Tony & Creighton Jackson's grandfather)- received a pacemaker on Monday

Sara Williamson- leaving Feb. 15 for mission trip to Panama City, Panama

Dan Young (acquaintance of Dowler's)- has serious surgery on Wednesday in Chicago

The 2023 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE will be held at Lincoln Christian University on Saturday, February 18, from 9:00am-3:00pm. If you would like to attend this conference, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, south hallway. The church will pay the registration fee, and lunch is included, Please sign-up by FEBRUARY 9. Please consider attending this valuable conference!



***Singers needed for
Community Easter Cantata!***

Directed by Janet McCumber

Rehearsals on Sundays- Feb. 19, 26

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Performance Palm Sunday- April 2, 2023

All held at First Christian Church, Villa Grove

ALL VOICES WELCOME, Jr. High-Adult

*Performance will be accompanied by area
instrumentalists.*

For more information:

Janet McCumber (217)493-2425

Judy Zylstra (320)224-7665

Or FCC (217)832-5231

Opening the Locked Door **February 7, 2023**

I heard a knock at the door and hollered, "Come in." There was a pause. Then another knock. "Come in." I said with raised voice. After a moment the voice said, "I can't the door's locked." I rushed to turn the deadbolt and let the expected guest in.

It seems obvious. You don't gain entrance through a locked door. *That* is not only a physical reality but also a spiritual truth. During Jesus' time on earth, many doors were not opened to Him-- both physical and spiritual. Some people wanted him out of their town all together. The door to the hearts of the Pharisees, Sadducees and other Jewish religious leaders were closed to Jesus. Others heard his message, but chose not to become his disciple. Some even experienced healing and may have followed briefly, but life's demands caused them to drift.

Fortunately, some invited Jesus in. Zacchaeus opened his house and his heart, to Jesus. Jesus was welcomed into the house of Matthew, Peter, Mary & Martha and Jairus, the synagogue ruler whose daughter He healed. When they let Jesus into their physical home, he brought a spiritual blessing, as well.

Today, Jesus searches for people who will open the door, not only of their physical home, but of their heart and life. Revelation 3:20, "**Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.**"



Jesus knocks and waits for our response. Will we open the door? He will not force his way into our life. He wants us to let Him in, and to welcome him into everything we do in our physical house. And, to unlock our fears, pre-conceived ideas and doubts, so that He can fill us with his presence and goodness.

Mike

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Elders:

John Dilliner

Jerry Hughes

Bob Dowler

Joe Rothermel

Wednesday, February 8:

Elders meeting 6:00pm

Board meeting 7:30pm

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Greeters: John & Linda Dilliner (West) Janet Cassida (South)

Coffee Fix & Clean-up: Bob Dowler

Serving: B. Kelly, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, D. Hughes

Elder-On-Call for February: JOHN DILLINER (217)621-9807

Mission of the Week: LITTLE GALILEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Clinton, Illinois

Gabe Rutledge, Camp Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Shunk

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